



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q93245

Kohei ODA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/568,754

Group Art Unit: 1651

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For: MICROORGANISM HAVING THE ABILITY OF DEGRADING AN AROMATIC POLYESTER AND METHOD OF DEGRADING AN AROMATIC POLYESTER BY USING THE SAME

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENTS**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

We, TEIJIN LIMITED, of 6-7, Minamihommachi 1-chome, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka, 541-0054, Japan, declare and state that:

We are the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest of the invention described and claimed in the above-identified application, as evidenced by the Assignment recorded on February 21, 2006, at Reel 017602, Frame 0970.

We agree that upon allowance and issuance of the above identified application into a United States Patent, restriction on availability of the following deposit will be irrevocably removed:

**Rhizobium sp. OKH-03**

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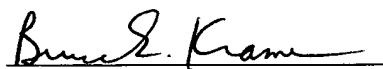
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which is designated in the specification of the above-identified application and was deposited under the terms of the Budapest Treaty at the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, International Patent Organism Depository Center (Tsukuba Central 6, 1-1-1, Higashi Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan 305-8566) under FERM BP-10547, based on original deposit FERM P-19483 (date of original deposit August 11, 2003).

We agree that the above-identified *Rhizobium* designated in the above-identified application will be maintained for a period of 30 years or 5 years after the last request for the deposit or for the effective life of any patent which issues on the above identified application, whichever is longer; and

We agree that if the deposit becomes non-viable, it will be replaced.

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